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IN THE CLAIMS

1 1-2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) The improved laryngoscope as defined  
2 in claim 2, wherein said improvement comprises said  
3 lock locking said movable blade in a desired position by  
4 locking the movable handle affixed thereto.

1 4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) The improved laryngoscope as defined  
2 in claim 4 An improved laryngoscope of the type having  
3 a stationary handle, a stationary blade having a proximal  
4 end from which it extends generally normally forwardly  
5 from the stationary handle and a distal end, a tip  
6 pivottally attached to the distal end of the stationary  
7 blade, a movable handle pivottally attached to the  
8 proximal end of the stationary blade and operatively  
9 connected to the tip, and an arm operatively attached to  
10 the movable handle and the tip and pivoting the tip  
11 downwardly when the movable handle is moved towards the  
12 stationary handle depressing the epiglottis, said  
13 improvement comprising:  
14 a) a movable blade;  
15 b) said movable blade being pivottally attached to the  
16 stationary blade and affixed to the movable handle  
17 for movement therewith so as to allow said movable  
18 blade to pivot away from the stationary blade when

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19                   the movable handle is moved towards the stationary  
20                   handle for spreading the posterior tissue defining  
21                   the superior opening of the larynx away from the  
22                   epiglottis simultaneously as the tip depresses the  
23                   epiglottis and both thereby opening up the trachea  
24                   exposing the larynx;

25                   c)   a lock;

26                   d)   said lock including the movable handle having a  
27                   distal end with a through bore therethrough; and

28                   e)   said through bore through the distal end of the  
29                   movable handle defined by a boundary, wherein said  
30                   improvement comprises said lock including the  
31                   stationary handle having a distal end from which  
32                   extends, at a spring end, a strip.

1       6. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2       5, wherein said improvement comprises said strip of said  
3       lock passing selectively lockingly through said through  
4       bore in the distal end of the movable handle of said  
5       lock.

1       7. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2       5, wherein said improvement comprises:

3       a)    said strip of said lock being arcuate;

4       b)    said strip of said lock having a ratchet surface;  
5           and

6       c)    said ratchet surface of said strip of said lock  
7       selectively engaging said boundary of said through  
8       bore through the distal end of the movable handle.

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1 8. (currently amended) The improved laryngoscope as defined  
2 in claim † 5, wherein said improvement comprises:  
3 a) the movable handle having a proximal end;  
4 b) said movable blade having a proximal end; and  
5 c) the movable handle having a connector.

1 9. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 8, wherein said improvement comprises said connector of  
3 the movable handle extending fixedly from said proximal  
4 end of the movable handle fixedly to said proximal end  
5 of said movable blade so as to allow said movable blade  
6 to move with the movable handle.

1 10. (currently amended) The improved laryngoscope as defined  
2 in claim † 5, wherein said improvement comprises said  
3 movable blade extending substantially over the stationary  
4 blade plus the tip.

1 11. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 8, wherein said improvement comprises said movable blade  
3 extending flat from said proximal end of said movable  
4 blade.

1 12. (currently amended) The improved laryngoscope as defined  
2 in claim 8, wherein said improvement comprises said  
3 movable blade extending horizontally from said proximal  
4 end of said movable blade.

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1 13. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 8, wherein said improvement comprises said proximal end  
3 of said movable blade being flat.

1 14. (canceled)

1 15. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 8, wherein said improvement comprises said connector of  
3 the movable handle being generally L-shaped.

1 16. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 8, wherein said improvement comprises said connector of  
3 the movable handle having:  
4 a) a first portion; and  
5 b) a second portion.

1 17. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 16, wherein said improvement comprises said first portion  
3 of said connector of the movable handle fixedly and  
4 coplanarly abutting said proximal end of the movable  
5 handle.

1 18. (currently amended) The improved laryngoscope as defined  
2 in claim 17, wherein said improvement comprises said  
3 second portion of said connector of the movable handle  
4 extending normally rearwardly from said first portion of  
5 said connector of the movable handle.

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1 19. (original) The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim  
2 17, wherein said improvement comprises said second  
3 portion of said connector of the movable handle being  
4 fixedly attached to said proximal end of said movable  
5 blade.

1 20. (currently amended) An improved laryngoscope of the type  
2 having a stationary handle, a stationary blade having a  
3 proximal end from which it extends generally normally  
4 outwardly from the stationary handle and a distal end,  
5 a tip pivotally attached to the distal end of the  
6 stationary blade, a movable handle pivotally attached to  
7 the proximal end of the stationary blade and operatively  
8 connected to the tip, and an arm operatively attached to  
9 the movable handle and the tip and pivoting the tip  
10 downwardly when the movable handle is moved towards the  
11 stationary handle depressing the epiglottis, said  
12 improvement comprising:  
13 a) a movable blade;  
14 b) said movable blade being pivotally attached to the  
15 stationary blade and affixed to the movable handle  
16 for movement therewith so as to allow said movable  
17 blade to pivot away from the stationary blade when  
18 the movable handle is moved towards the stationary  
19 handle for spreading the posterior tissue defining  
20 the superior opening of the larynx away from the  
21 epiglottis simultaneously as the tip depresses the  
22 epiglottis and both thereby opening up the trachea  
23 exposing the larynx;

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24           c)    a lock;

25           d)    said lock locking said movable blade in a desired

26           position by locking the movable handle affixed

27           thereto;

28           e)    said lock including the movable handle having a

29           distal end with a through bore therethrough;

30           f)    said through bore through the distal end of the

31           movable handle defined by a boundary;

32           g)    said lock including the stationary handle having a

33           distal end from which extends, at a spring end, a

34           strip;

35           h)    said strip of said lock passing selectively

36           lockingly through said through bore in the distal

37           end of the movable handle of said lock;

38           i)    said strip being arcuate;

39           j)    said strip of said lock having a ratchet surface;

40           k)    said ratchet surface of said strip of said lock

41           selectively engaging said boundary of said through

42           bore through the distal end of the movable handle;

43           l)    the movable handle having a proximal end;

44           m)    said movable blade having a proximal end;

45           n)    the movable handle having a connector;

46           o)    said connector of the movable handle extending

47           fixedly from said proximal end of the movable

48           handle fixedly to said proximal end of said movable

49           blade so as to allow said movable blade to move

50           with the movable handle;

51           p)    said movable blade extending substantially over the

52           stationary blade plus the tip;

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53           q)    said movable blade extending flat from said  
54           proximal end of said movable blade;  
55           r)    said movable blade extending horizontally from said  
56           proximal end of said movable blade;  
57           s)    said proximal end of said movable blade being flat;  
58           t)    said proximal end of said movable blade being  
59           vertical;  
60           u)    said connector of the movable handle being  
61           generally L-shaped;  
62           v)    said connector of the movable handle having:  
63            i)    a first portion; and  
64            ii)    a second portion;  
65           w)    said first portion of said connector of the movable  
66           handle fixedly and coplanarly abutting said  
67           proximal end of the movable handle;  
68           x)    said second portion of said connector of the movable  
69           handle extending normally rearwardly from  
70           said first portion of said connector of the movable  
71           handle; and  
72           y)    said second portion of said connector of the  
73           movable handle being fixedly attached to said  
74           proximal end of said movable blade.

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